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TARGET FOR PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Farm output estimated at 210 million tonnes` appearing in `The Hindu` dated April 5, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the target fixed for the production of pulses during 2001-2002;

(d) the reasons for which the target has not been achieved; and

(e) the target fixed for foodgrains production during 2002-2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It is true that the production of foodgrains during 2001-02 is estimated at 211.17 million tonnes.

(c) & (d): The Planning Commission had fixed a production target of pulses during 2001-02 at 15.00 million tonnes. As against this the production of pulses during 2001-02 is estimated at 13.79 million tonnes, which is 3 million tonnes more than last year. However, the production fell little short of the target due to unfavourable weather conditions prevailing in the major pulse producing states during 2001-02.

(e): The Planning Commission has fixed the production target of foodgrains during 2002-03 at 220.00 million tonnes.